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SUBJECT: KIM DONG-JO QUESTIONNAIRE

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1. I USED THE AUTHORITY GIVEN ME IN PARA 1, REFTEL B, BECAUSE I CONCLUDED THAT ONE FURTHER FORMAL APPROACH TO FONMIN PARK MIGHT BE OF MARGINAL ADVANTAGE -- EVEN IN THE ABSENCE OF SUPPORTING EVIDENCE. I DO NOT WISH, HOWEVER, TO REOPEN THE KCIA ISSUE (PARA 2, REFTEL B) BECAUSE I AM CONVINCED IT WOULD BE AN ILL-TIMED AND INEFFECTIVE THREAT.

2. PAYMENTS BY KCIA OFFICIALS TO CONGRESSMEN AND OTHER KCIA HANKY PANKY ARE NO LONGER SECRETS WHOSE SIMPLE DISCLOSURE WOULD BE SEEN BY THE ROKG AS HAVING MUCH EFFECT ONE WAY OR ANOTHER. MOREOVER, IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE KCIA CARD WAS PLAYED WITH NEGATIVE EFFECT BY LEON JAWORSKI/ PETER WHITE AND LATER WITHDRAWN IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE AGREEMENT ON KIM DONG-JO. BUT NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, IT IS OUR JUDGEMENT THAT THE ROKG IS NOT GOING TO ENTERTAIN REQUESTS FOR DIRECT OR INDIRECT TESTIMONY FROM ANY OFFICIALS SUBSEQUENT TO KIM DONG-JO.

3. MORE IMPORTANT, ANY SUCH MOVE WOULD BE SEEN BY THE
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ROKG AS A US EFFORT TO RENEGE ON PAINFULLY AGREED PROCEDURES EVEN BEFORE KIM HAS PROVIDED HIS INITIAL RESPONSE AND WOULD CAUSE SERIOUS CONSTERNATION. THE ROKG MIGHT SEE THIS AS CLEAR INDICATION FROM WASHINGTON THAT QUOTE KOREAGATE UNQUOTE WOULD NOT END WITH KIM DONG-JO AS PREVIOUSLY AGREED.
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